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SUBJ: OULD DADDAH VISIT TO GABON

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1. SINCE 18-HOUR VISIT BY OULD DADDAH INCLUDED AIRPORT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE CEREMONIES, FOUR-HOUR DINNER-DANCE AND (PRESUMABLY) NIGHT'S SLEEP, THERE WAS EVIDENTLY ONLY LIMITED TIME FOR SUBSTANCE, AND PENCHANT FOR VISITS NOTED REFTEL MAY WELL HAVE BEEN MOST COMPELLING REASON FOR STOP.

2. AT AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE, OULD DADDAH INSISTED THAT ARAB-AFRICAN COOPERATION "BEING CONSOLIDATED AND PROGRESSING" AND THAT OAU "CONTINUING TO MOVE FORWARD" AFTER KAMPALA SUMMIT; REITERATED GOM DESIRE SEEK "TOTAL LIBERATION" OF SPANISH SAHARA IN CONCERT WITH MOROCCO AND IN FRIENDSHIP WITH SPAIN; AND REPORTED THAT SAHEL EXPERIENCING SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR OF GOOD CROPS SINCE DROUGHT ENDED.

3. COMMENT: OULD DADDAH APPEARED TIRED, SPOKE SLOWLY AND WITHOUT MUCH ANIMATION AT PRESS CONFERENCE, AND LEFT DANCING TO HIS WIFE AND HOSTS AT OFFICIAL DINNER. WHILE GABONESE LAID ON RECEPTION APPROPRIATE TO CHIEF

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OF STATE VISIT, BRIEF STOPOVER LOOKED LIKE RELATIVELY

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